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August 16, 2000

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Attn: Mr. John D. Gibson, Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Re: Gun Owners of America, Inc. Political Victory Fund
8001 Forbes Place, Suite 102
Springfield, VA 22151
FEC Identification Number C00278101

Dear Sir:

I serve as treasurer of the Gun Owners of America, Inc. Political Victory Fund (the "committee").

This letter responds to your letter dated July 27, 2000 (Attachment A) concerning the our letter dated July 20, 2000 to the Federal Election Commission in response to a letter dated July 5, 2000 from the FEC to the committee.

- (1) Your letter of July 27 states: "you must still demonstrate ... [a]ll original solicitations include a clear and conspicuous request for contributor information and inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information...."

Attachment B provides a copy of the committee's donor response card (front and back), which is sent to members with the original solicitation. On the front of the card, it states: "**Important:** Federal campaign laws require that we ask you to complete the information on the back of this form." On the back of the card, it states: "Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year." Also,

spaces are provided on the back of the card for the name, address, telephone number, occupation, and employer of the donor.

- (2) Your letter of July 27 also states: "you must still demonstrate ... [a]ll follow-up requests for missing information are made no later than 30 days after receipt of the contributions...."

When a contribution is received which exceeds \$200, or when a contribution is received which exceeds \$200 when aggregated with any other contributions from the donor during the calendar, that is not accompanied by sufficient information, either on the donor response card or in another form, the committee mails a follow-up letter to the donor which requests the missing information (e.g., employer and occupation information) within 30 days in compliance with 11 CFR 104.7(b)(2). Attachment C provides a copy of the committee's follow-up letter. (A copy of the committee's follow-up letter was also provided with our letter of July 20.)

- (3) In addition, your letter of July 27 states: "you must still demonstrate ... [a]ll written follow-up requests include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope."

The third paragraph of the committee's follow-up letter to a donor, as provided in Attachment C, includes the following sentence: "We have enclosed a specially-marked envelope." The committee encloses a specially-marked return envelope with the follow-up letter in compliance with 11 CFR 104.7(b)(2).

Sincerely yours,



Walter J. Olson

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Attachment A - Copy of letter dated July 27, 2000 from the FEC to the committee

Attachment B - Copy of the committee's donor response card

Attachment C - Copy of the committee's follow-up letter to a donor



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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July 27, 2000

Walt Olsson, Treasurer
Gun Owners of America Inc.
Political Victory Fund
8001 Forbes Place, Suite 102
Springfield, VA 22151

Identification Number: C00278101

Reference: April Monthly Report (3/1/00-3/31/00)

Dear Mr. Olsson:

On July 5, 2000, you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your July 20, 2000, response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-You have included a description of the procedures used to obtain missing occupation and employer information. Please note that in order to establish "best efforts" you must still demonstrate the following:

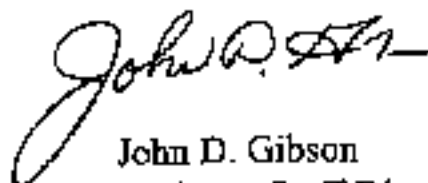
- All original solicitations include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information,
- All follow-up requests for missing information are made no later than 30 days after receipt of the contribution, and
- All written follow-up requests include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by August 16, 2000. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in

determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Kenneth Davis on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

(FRONT)

Help Us Rebuild the Congress with Pro-Gun Candidates!

- ☐ YES, I am tired of having to choose the lesser of two evils! I will support GOA's Political Victory Fund in order to add a few good men (and women) to the small but growing list of hard-core pro-gun Representatives fighting to preserve our gun rights on Capitol Hill, and so I can have the chance to vote for a pro-gun American!
- ☐ ENCLOSED is my contribution of ☐ \$20 ☐ \$35 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other \$ _____

Please make your check payable to GOAPVF. Thank you.

Important: Federal campaign laws require that we ask you to complete the information on the back of this form.

Please charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Am. Exp. ☐ Discover

Card No. _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature (required for credit card transactions) _____

Gun Owners of America Political Victory Fund • 8001 Forbes Pl., #102 • Springfield, VA 22151

(BACK)

Contributions are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes. Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

A copy of GOA's annual report is available by writing to the address on this form. (West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. The official registration and financial information of Gun Owners may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Dept. of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.)

Attachment B



GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA POLITICAL VICTORY FUND

A PROJECT OF GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA

8001 FORBES PLACE / SUITE 102 / SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA 22151 / 703-321-8585 / FAX: 703-321-8408

DATE

FIELD(title) FIELD(fname) FIELD(lname)

FIELD(stadr1)

FIELD(stadr2)

FIELD(city), FIELD(state) FIELD(zip)

Dear FIELD(title) FIELD(lname),

Thank you for your recent contribution to the GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA
POLITICAL VICTORY FUND.

The Federal Election Commission regulations require us to report the name of the contributor's employer and the contributor's occupation for a contribution which exceeds \$200 per calendar year, either by itself or when aggregated with other contributions during the calendar year. (11 CFR 104.3(a)(4).)

Please provide this information to us by filling out the two lines on the lower portion of this letter. We have enclosed a specially-marked envelope. Thank you for returning it to us.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry Pratt
Executive Director

CONTRIBUTOR'S EMPLOYER: _____

CONTRIBUTOR'S OCCUPATION: _____

Attachment C

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